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ZANESVILLE POLICE OFFICER INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY, DRUG TRAFFICKING, FIREARMS CRIMES

COLUMBUS – A federal grand jury here today returned a six-count indictment charging Zanesville Police Officer Sean Beck, age 28, with two counts of trafficking oxycodone, one count of conspiracy, and three counts of possession of a firearm during a drug crime.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati, Muskingum County Sheriff Robert J. Stephenson, and Zanesville Police Chief Eric Lambes announced the indictment.

Counts one and three of the indictment allege that Beck possessed oxycodone, commonly known as Percocet, on August 16 and August 22, 2007, with the intent to illegally distribute it. Each count carries a possible sentence of 20 years imprisonment.

Count five alleges that Beck conspired with others in August and September, 2007 to set up an illegal drug shipment of one kilogram of cocaine to the Zanesville area so that he could use his police authority to seize the drugs and split the proceeds with another individual. The indictment claims that on September 18, Beck accepted \$1,000 from an individual as an "advance" on the anticipated shipment of cocaine that he planned to intercept and then arrange to sell. The indictment further alleges that on September 25, 2007 Beck and other co-conspirators met at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Zanesville and planned to conduct a false police "raid" on the anticipated delivery of the cocaine. Beck wore undercover police clothing, a bullet-proof vest, a "POLICE" t-shirt, and carried his service weapon.

The conspiracy charge is punishable by a minimum of five and up to 40 years imprisonment.

Counts two, four and six of the indictment allege that Beck carried a firearm during the commission of a drug crime. Conviction on count two carries a mandatory five year sentence to be served consecutive to any other time served. Conviction on counts four and six each carries a mandatory sentence of 25 years consecutive to any other time served.

FBI agents arrested Beck, along with Zanesville Police officer Trevor Fusner, age 31, and Genesis Health Care System Police Officer Chad Mills, age 29, on October 1. Charges against Fusner and Mills are pending. Beck has been in custody since his arrest.

Assistant U.S. Attorney's Michael Marous and David DeVillers are prosecuting the case. United States District Judge Edmund A. Sargus will preside over the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All defendants should be presumed innocent until and unless convicted in court.

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